

REMARKS

In the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency dated June 14, 2006, it is noted that Figure 8E is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the Specification. This occurred because of a series of oversights, as follows:

a.) When the Application was originally filed on December 20, 2001, references to Figure 8E and 8F were erroneously included in the Specification. In addition, the set of informal drawings that was filed with the Application included a superfluous Figure 8E. This drawing was not needed to fulfill requirements of patentability, including the requirements set forth in 35 USC §101.

b.) A preliminary amendment to the Specification filed April 26, 2002 removed all erroneous references to Figures 8E and 8F in the written description.

c.) Formal drawings were prepared by Applicants' Draftsperson early in 2002 that omitted unnecessary Figure 8E.

d.) In the first Office Action on the merits dated October 4, 2004, the Examiner mistakenly indicated that the (informal) drawings were accepted. This contributed to Applicants' failure to remember that the Formal Drawings prepared in 2002 had never been filed. As such, the Formal Drawings were never submitted.

e.) At the time of Allowance, the amended version of the Specification did not refer to Figure 8E, but the informal copy of Figure 8E remained in the PTO's file wrapper.

f.) The issue fee was paid on May 4, 2006.

g.) On June 14, 2006, Applicants received the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency which noted that Figure 8E is contained in the Drawings but not referenced in the Specification.

h.) In a conversation on June 29, 2006 with Ms. Lewis, it was indicated that Applicants' should submit the formal copy of the Drawings, which does not include Figure 8E. Ms. Lewis indicated that these Drawings should be directed to Mr. Harris in the publication division.

i.) Please find attached twelve sheets of Formal Drawings that do not include Figure 8E. It is respectfully requested that the formal drawings be entered into the file so that the description in the Specification is consistent with the Drawings, and the Application may be passed to issue.

Conclusion

Please find attached twelve sheets of formal drawings that do not include unnecessary Figure 8E. It is requested that these formal drawings be entered so that the description in the Specification is consistent with the Drawings. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the foregoing, a call to the undersigned is encouraged and welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attention Mr. Harris
Office of Patent Publication/Publishing Division

Dear Sir:

In response to the NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY mailed on 6/14/06, attached are the corrected formal drawing(s) for this application. The formal drawings consist of 12 sheets of formal drawings for the subject patent application. Each sheet of drawings indicates the identifying indicia suggested in 37 C.F.R § 1.84 (c) on the top margin of the drawing.

It is believed that no extension of time is necessary. However, if an extension is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-3790.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this transmittal letter and the paper of papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of EV541804006US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the 29th day of June, 2006.

Emily Vogt
Legal Secretary

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Signature

June 29, 2006
Date of Signature